

Bennington City Council  
Regular Meeting  
06/24/2024

The meeting was brought to order at 7:01 p.m. with a motion by Laura Bowers, second by Dennis Kelley. Motion Carried.

Additions to the agenda were Vicious Dogs, Budget, Debbie Martin, Executive session.

Motion by Jeff Scheele, second by Brian Davidson to approve the minutes as written and the bills with the exception of B and B waste which is the schools bill. Motion Carried.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ward Stockamp, Brian Davidson, Dennis Kelley, Mark Walker, Laura Bowers and Jeff Scheele. Amy Stevens was also present. Visitors were Calvin Burke, Rick Penner, and Dustin Murk and Steve Haley.

The water tower renovation project was discussed. Motion by Brian Davidson, second by Jeff Scheele to approve the Viking quote for \$248,050,000. Motion Carried. Motion by Dennis Kelley, second by Brian Davidson to including to add the roof vent and the shell roof for \$11,000. Motion Carried.

The GR Parker CMB license for Vanessa Corona was approved with a motion by Laura Bowers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Kelley. Motion Carried.

The budget options for exceeding the revenue neutral rate or not were discussed. Motion by Laura Bowers, second by Dennis Kelley to go with not exceeding the revenue neutral rate for the 2025 budget. Motion Carried.

Amy Stevens asked if the street from Parker to the alley on Burlington could be closed for a 4<sup>th</sup> of July party. Motion by Mark Walker, second by Jeff Scheele to allow the street to be closed from Parker to the alley on Burlington for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Motion Carried.

Motion by Laura Bowers, second by Jeff Scheele to go in to executive session for non-elected personnel at 8:51 for 15 minutes Motion Carried.

Motion by Laura Bowers, second by Brian Davidson to come out of executive session at 9:07 p.m. No action taken.

Motion by Laura Bowers, second by Brian Davidson to go back into executive session at 9:07 p.m. for 10 minutes.

Motion by Laura Bowers, second by Dennis Kelley to come out of executive session at 9:17 p.m. No action taken.

Council looked over the applications for the city operations position. Motion by Brian Davidson, second by Dennis Kelley to offer the position to Mark Walker with a July 10<sup>th</sup> starting date. Mark Walker will be paid \$24.00 per hour to start with a \$1.00 per hour for water and a \$1.00 for waste water when the certifications are obtained. Motion Carried.

Motion by Dennis Kelley, second by Brian Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Motion Carried.